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ASSISTANCE BY NABARD TO CO OPERATIVE BANKS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being implemented by the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) to provide assistance to co-operative banks functioning in rural areas, State/UT-wise;

(b) the achievements made during the last three years;

(c) whether the said schemes have yielded the desired results; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) : As part of its credit functions, National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) provides refinance to the approved financial institutions including Cooperative Banks in respect of their disbursements towards Short Term and Long Term loans extended by them at the ground level. NABARD refinance is also available to the Cooperative Banks under Short Term (Others) category for providing loans under various agricultural and rural activities. The Refinance Schemes of NABARD are applicable to all the eligible Cooperative Banks throughout the country.

(b) : NABARD has provided Rs. 13,665.78 crore, Rs. 14,479.32 crore, Rs. 16,481.63 crore and Rs. 8,984.54 crore during the years 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (upto 30 September) respectively to the Cooperative Banks under Seasonal Agricultural Operations, Short and Medium- term, Investment Credit and Liquidity Support Schemes.

(c) & (d) : Due to various steps taken by the Government and NABARD, the total disbursement by the Cooperative Banks, which was Rs.19,668 crore in the year 2002-03, has increased to Rs. 40,515 crore in the year 2007-08.